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In re application of : Confirmation No. 1913
Yoshitsugu HAMA et al. : Docket No. 2001-1299A
Serial No. 09/955,969 : Group Art Unit 1723
Filed September 20, 2001 : Examiner Krishnan Menon

SEMIPERMEABLE MEMBRANE SUPPORT
AND PROCESS OF PREPARATION THEREOF Mail Stop AF

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 1, 2004, the time for responding
thereto being extended for two months in accordance with a Petition for Extension of
Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1723.

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